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DEPT PASS SECDEF (FOR ISA/NEA AND SAA), HANDLE AS SPECAT  
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TAGS: MASS, UK, KE

SUBJECT: BRITISH MILITARY AID TO KENYA

REF: LONDON 10966 (NOTAL)

DEFENSE PERMSEC KIEREINI TOLD DCM TODAY THAT BRITISH HAVE STILL NOT OBTAINED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FROM TURKEY FOR AIRLIFTING MUNITIONS CRITICALLY NEEDED BY KENYA AS DETERRENT TO POSSIBLE ATTACK BY UGANDA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ON JULY 16 TO EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF AIRLIFTING MUNITIONS OVER ISRAEL AND ETHIOPIA, BUT BRITISH HAVE THUS FAR NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE TO HIS SUGGESTION POSSIBLY, OPINED KIEREINI, DUE TO ANTICIPATED "POLITICAL PROBLEMS" INVOLVED IN REQUESTING PERMISSION TO OVERFLY ISRAEL. HOWEVER, KIEREINI SAID THAT GOK "KNEW" THERE WOULD BE NO CLEARANCE PROBLEMS WITH EITHER ISRAEL OR ETHIOPIA FOR MUNITIONS DESTINED FOR KENYA AND IS URGING UK TO AT LEAST DELIVER MUNITIONS TO ISRAEL SO THAT GOK COULD ARRANGE TRANSPORT ON TO KENYA. IN MEANTIME, GOK VERY JITTERY AND FEARFUL THAT DELAY IN SHIPPING MUNITIONS COULD PROVOKE PREEMPTIVE ATTACK BY AMIN, PARTICULARLY SINCE NEED  
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FOR MUNITIONS AIRLIFT HAD BEEN LEAKED TO BRITISH PRESS LAST WEEK.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECDEF

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